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PATENTAMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

Claim 1. (currently amended) A method of graphically indicating patient information in a confidential manner, said method comprising the steps of:

relating each of a plurality of icons to a predetermined position in a fixed image associated with a patient;

receiving information identifying one or more conditions of the patient, each of the identified conditions of the patient being associated with a location on the body of the patient;

selecting at least one icon from the plurality of icons, said selected icon corresponding to at least one of the identified conditions of the patient; and

creating the fixed image, said fixed image including the selected icon located at the predetermined position related thereto in the fixed image, wherein the predetermined position related to the selected icon in the fixed image is independent of the location, on the body of the patient, associated with the identified condition[[s]] of the patient corresponding to the selected icon to protect the privacy of the patient.

Claim 2. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of proximally associating the image with the patient.

Claim 3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the conditions are selected from the group consisting of: hearing impairment, right arm weakness, left arm weakness, special diet, no lift, one person lift, two person lift, comatose, total lift, right leg weakness, left leg weakness, cardiac, pivot lift, wheelchair bound, vision impairment, Alzheimer's, potentially combative,

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incontinent, turn and reposition, cognitive impairment, potential to elope, diabetic, and speech impairment.

Claim 4. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of associating an electronic representation of the image with the patient.

Claim 5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of creating the fixed image includes generating an electronic representation of the image and moving each of the selected icons to its predetermined position on the image.

Claim 6. (original) The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of printing the image with the selected icons in their respective, predetermined positions on the image.

Claim 7. (original) The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of executing a computer program for automatically positioning the selected icons in their respective, predetermined positions on the image.

Claim 8. (original) The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of storing the image with the selected icons in a computer readable medium.

Claim 9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein a plurality of images for different patients are stored in the computer readable medium and further comprising the step of searching for a stored image based on a name associated with the patient.

Claim 10. (original) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of modifying a stored image associated with a particular patient when the conditions of the particular patient change.

Claim 11. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of customizing at least one icon to represent a specific condition.

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Claim 12. (original) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of maintaining an archive of original and modified images.

Claim 13. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of alerting a health care worker to the at least one of the identified conditions of the patient via the image.

Claim 14. (original) One or more computer readable media having computer-executable instructions for performing the method recited in claim 1.

Claim 15. (currently amended) A system for graphically indicating information about a patient in a confidential manner, wherein the patient has one or more conditions identified from a set of available conditions, said system comprising:

an image associated with the patient;

one or more icons, each of said one or more icons corresponding to at least one of the available conditions, and each of said one or more icons being related to a predetermined position in the image; and

a creation component for creating a fixed representation of the image with selected icons, each of the selected icons corresponding to at least one of the identified conditions of the patient, each of the identified conditions of the patient being associated with a location on the body of the patient, each of the selected icons being located at the predetermined position related thereto, and wherein the predetermined position related to each of the selected icons in the fixed image is independent of the location, on the body of the patient, associated with the identified condition[[s]] of the patient corresponding to the selected icon to protect the privacy of the patient.

Claim 16. (original) The system of claim 15, wherein the creation component comprises a software application stored on a computer readable medium.

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Claim 17. (previously presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the software application includes computer-executable instructions which, when executed, place each of the selected icons at the predetermined position related thereto on the image.

Claim 18. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the software application includes computer-executable instructions which, when executed, electronically associate the fixed representation of the image with the patient.

Claim 19. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the software application includes computer-executable instructions which, when executed, print the fixed representation of the image with the selected icons in the predetermined positions on the image for placement proximal to the patient.

Claim 20. (currently amended) In a computer system having a graphical user interface including a display and a user interface selection device, a method of providing and selecting from a menu on the display, comprising the steps of:

allowing a user to select with the user interface selection device one or more icons from the menu, each of said one or more icons corresponding to a condition of a patient and being assigned to a predetermined position in an image representative of the patient, said condition of the patient being associated with a location on the body of the patient; and

displaying each of the said one or more icons on the image on the display, each of said one or more icons being displayed at the predetermined position related assigned thereto in the image, wherein the predetermined position assigned to the icon in the fixed image is independent of the location, on the body of the patient, associated with the identified condition of the patient corresponding to the icon to protect the privacy of the patient.

Claim 21. (canceled)

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Claim 22. (original) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of allowing the user to create a fixed representation of the image.

Claim 23. (original) The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of allowing the user to proximally associate the fixed representation of the image with the patient.

Claim 24. (previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein at least one of the icons is linked to at least one other icon such that selecting the at least one icon from the menu automatically selects the at least one other icon.

Claim 25. (original) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of allowing the user to select with the user interface selection device a form from the group consisting of: an accident investigation report, an employee information test, an employee report of injury, an employee resident survey, a facility to do list, an incident report, a patient information form, a resident handling ergonomics program, a resident handling program key and explanation, a resident handling program training outline, and at least one safety form.

Claim 26. (original) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of allowing the user to customize the selected form by inputting information relevant to the selected form.

Claim 27. (original) The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of storing each customized form in a computer readable medium.

Claim 28. (original) One or more computer readable media having computer-executable instructions for performing the method recited in claim 20.

Claim 29. (currently amended) A system for graphically indicating patient information in a confidential manner, said system comprising:

means for relating each of a plurality of icons to a predetermined position in a fixed image associated with a patient and receiving information identifying one or more conditions of the patient, each of the identified conditions of the patient being associated with a location on the body of the patient, wherein the predetermined position is independent of the identified conditions of the patient;

means for selecting a first icon and a second icon ~~at least one icon~~ from the plurality of icons, each of said first selected icon and said second icon corresponding to at least one of the identified conditions of the patient; and

means for creating the fixed image, said fixed image including the selected first icon located at the predetermined position related thereto in the fixed image, said fixed image including the second icon located at the predetermined position related thereto in the fixed image, wherein the predetermined position related to the first icon in the fixed image is independent of the location, on the body of the patient, associated with the identified condition of the patient corresponding to the first icon, and the wherein the predetermined position related to the second icon in the fixed image indicates the location, on the body of the patient, associated with the identified condition of the patient corresponding to the second icon.

Claim 30. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying the fixed image.

Claim 31. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

wherein displaying the fixed image provides privacy for proximal to the patient to confidentially communicate by displaying information regarding the at least one of the identified conditions of the patient to a person with knowledge of the relationship between each of the plurality of icons and the predetermined position.